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ELECTION

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 5, 2004. In such Office Action, the Examiner is requiring restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 to one of the following groups of inventions:

- Group I: Claims 1-10, drawn to a game system with processing components;
- Group II: Claims 11-21, drawn to a distributed gaming system;
- Group III: Claims 22-28, drawn to an electronic gaming machine; and
- Group IV: Claims 29-37, drawn to a server.

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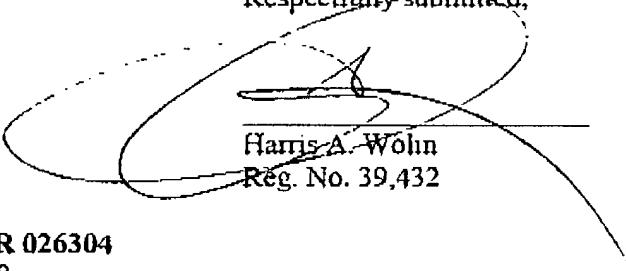
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Applicant hereby elects Group I, but traverses the restriction requirement and asserts that all claims should be examined in the present application. Even though each of the designated Groups are directed to a particular component of the game system of the present invention, they all employ the invention in that each component incorporates a platform interface, and game program modules running on the component communicate with other game program modules whether on the same component or elsewhere only via the platform interface. Furthermore, each of Groups II-IV incorporates the game system of Group I through a preamble recitation. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 and subject claims 1-37 to examination without further restriction.

Early and favorable consideration is respectfully requested

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